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SUBJECT: LUNS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, BIOGRAPHY

FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL NATIS BIOGRAPHY OFSYG LUNS:

BEGIN TEXT:

JOSEPH MARIE ANTOINE HUBERT LUNS WAS BORN AT ROTTERDAM ON 28TH AUGUST 1911. AFTER ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN AMSTERDAM AND BRUSSELS, HE READ LAW AT LEYDEN AND AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITIES. HE PASSED HIS FINAL LAW EXAMINATION AT AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY IN 1937. HE THEN TOOK A COURSE IN POLITICAL ECONOMY AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, AND A SIMILAR COURSE AT THE "DEUTSCHES INSTITUT FOR AUSLANDER AT BERLIN UNIVERSITY.

IN 1938 MR. LUNS ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE. HE ROSE THROUGH THE CUSTOMARY GRADES, HIS LAST BEING THAT OF COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY (1950). HE WAS POSTED TO BERNE (1940-1941), LISBON (1941-1943), LONDON-MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IN EXILE (1943-1944) AND THE EMBASSY 1944-1949) - AND TO NEW YORK (UNITED NATIONS) FROM 1949 TO 1952. HE LEFT THE SERVICE IN 1952 ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A PORTFOLIO HE SHARED WITH MR. BEYEN UNTIL 12TH OCTOBER 1956. AFTER THE ELECTIONS THATYEAR, HE ENTERED THE LOWER CHAMBER OF THE STATES GENERAL AS A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S PARTY. SINCE THE OFFICES OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND MINISTER MAY NOT BE HELD

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BY ONE PERSON FORLONGER THAN THREE MONTHS, HE GAVE UP HIS SEAT IN

THE LOWER CHAMBER ON HIS RE-APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE STOOD FOR PARLIAMENT AGAIN IN 1959, 1963, 1967

AND 1971 AND WAS RE-ELECTED ON ALL FOUR OCCASIONS. MR. LUNS RETAINED THIS PORTFOLIO IN SUCCESSIVE CABINETS BUT GAVE IT UP UPON HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO.

HAVING BEEN A SIGNATORY OF THE TREATY OF ROME, HE WAS ONE OF THE INITIATORS OF THE SCHEME TO ALLOW AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT WERE NOT FORMER COLONIES OF MEMBER STATES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

MR. LUNS HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE IN NATO MATTERS AND HAS REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY IN THE COUNCIL MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL HE PRESIDED IN 1959 OVER THE CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE IN WASHINGTON AND NORFOLK. VIRGINIA.

HE IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN MILITARY MATTERS AND ESPECIALLY IN NAVAL QUESTIONS. IN 1931 HE WAS DRAFTED IN THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY AS AN ORDINARY SEAMAN AND SPECIALIZED IN SIGNALLING. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY FOR ONE YEAR. AS FOREIGN MINISTER MR. LUNS OFTEN ATTENDED MANOEUVRES OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY AND OF THE ALLIED NAVIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE ATLANTIC AND THE CARIBBEAN.

HE HAS PUBLISHED SEVERAL STUDIES AND ARTICLES ON THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY, ON NAVAL MATTERS AND ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

HE IS MARRIED TO BARONESS ELISABETH VAN HEEMSTRA AND HAS ONE SON AND ONE DAUGHTER. MR. LUNS IS A KNIGHT GRAND CROSS IN THE ORDER OF THE NETHERLANDS LION AND AN OFFICER IN THE ORDER OF ORANGE-NASSAU, AND HAS NUMEROUS FOREIGN DECORATIONS. HE IS ALSO AN HONORARY FELLOW OF THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

ON 4TH MAY 1967 HE WAS AWARDED THE CHARLEMAGNE PRIZE BY THE CITY OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE FOR HIS WORK ON BEHALF OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION.
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MR. LUNS WAS ALSO AWARDED THE GUSTAV STRESEMANN MEDAL FOR 1968 FOR PROMOTING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.
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